



Pounds Hollow Recreation Area



Shawnee National Forest

Hidden Springs Ranger District

2014

A picturesque setting, Pounds Hollow campground and lake are tucked away amongst the Shawnee Hills, where you can relax and get away from it all. Completed in the early 1940's, Pounds Hollow Lake is popular for the same reasons it was back then and continues to provide opportunities to picnic, fish, swim, camp, nature watch and hike.

Camping

Pine Ridge Campground, located on the ridgetop above the lake, offers 22 campsites, some of which will accommodate up to 40-foot trailers. Each campsite has a table, fire ring and lantern pole. Vault toilets are centralized within the campground. Campers can either walk a trail or drive to the beach area at the lake.

Day-use Activities

At 25 acres, Pounds Hollow Lake is large enough to provide its many visitors some seclusion during their visit. This day-use area offers swimming, picnicking, fishing, boating and hiking. There are several lakeside picnic sites, plus a fishing pier and a large picnic shelter overlooking the beach. The skilled craftsmanship of the Civilian Conservation Corpsmen (CCC) can still be seen today in the hand-cut sandstone foundation of the picnic shelter. Only small boats and electric motors are allowed on the lake. The lake contains largemouth bass, channel catfish and sunfish. The tranquil surroundings of the area are a great way to spend an afternoon enjoying the outdoors.

Surrounding Area

Rim Rock National Recreation Trail, Ohio River National Scenic Byway, High Knob scenic point, Garden of the Gods Recreation Area, River to River Trail, Garden of Gods Wilderness, Iron Furnace Historic Site and Cave-in-Rock State Park.

Emergencies

The nearest hospital is Harrisburg Medical Center in Harrisburg.

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Directions: From Harrisburg: Take Highway 34/145 south 6 miles, then continue on Highway 34 south for 9 miles. Turn east onto Karbers Ridge Road and go 9 miles to the recreation area entrance road.

From Evansville, IN.: Take Highway 62 west & continue on IL. State Route 141 to Highway 1. Go south on Highway 1 about 24 miles to Pounds Hollow Road, then west on Pounds Hollow Road 2 miles to the recreation area entrance.

Facilities: Campground, drinking water, vault toilets, swimming area, lakeshore picnic area with shelter and grills, flush toilets near shelter only, fishing pier, boating (electric motors only), interpretive signs and hiking trails.

Season of Operation:

Campground is open April 1st – Dec. 15th.

Beach is open May to September

Camping Fee: \$10/Campsite

Safety:

For your safety, the recreation area is patrolled by forest employees and law enforcement officers. Swim at your own risk; No lifeguard on duty.

Regulations:

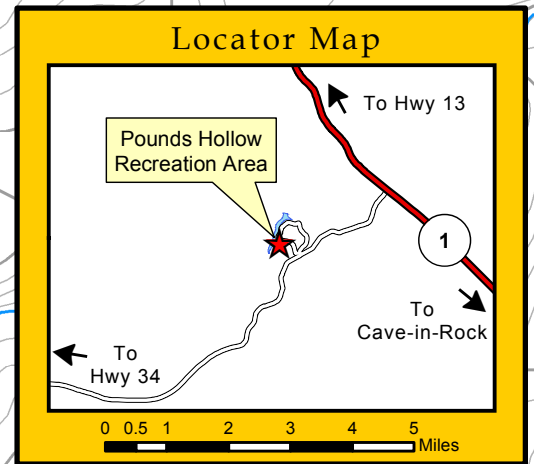
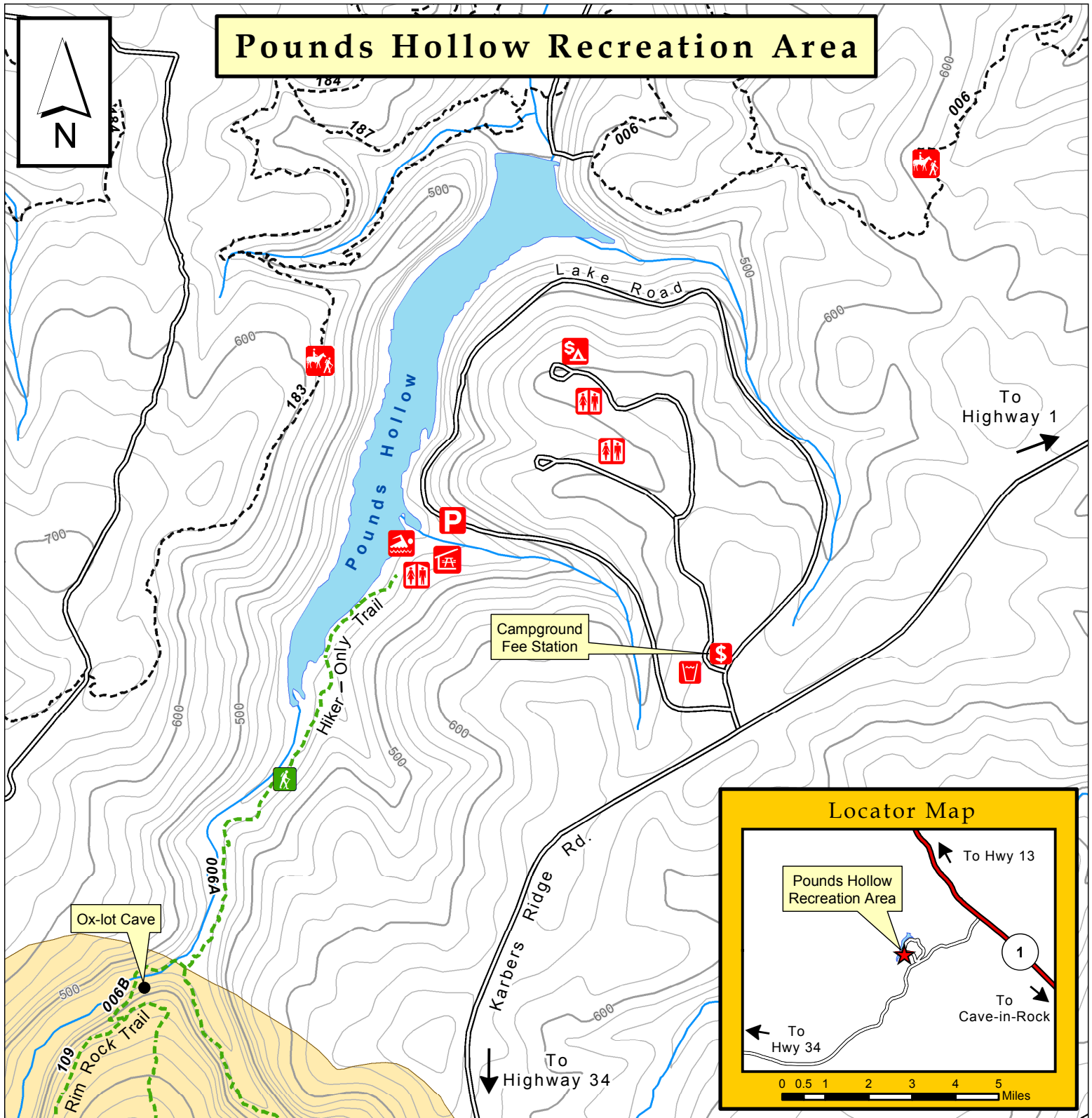
1. Picnic areas are open dawn to dusk.
Beach area is open dawn to dusk.
2. No Lifeguard on duty. Swimming allowed at the beach only.
3. Pets must be leashed and are not allowed on the beach or in the designated swimming area.
4. Use trash receptacles in developed areas. No glass or metal containers allowed on the beach.
5. Camp only at designated campsites.
6. No reservations. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
7. There is a maximum of 2 tents, 8 people and 2 vehicles allowed per campsite.

A complete list of site regulations is posted on each bulletin board and at fee stations.

For More Information

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| Swimming Area | Non-Electric Loop | Hiker Only Trail | Stream |
| Restroom | Parking | Hiker/Equestrian Trail | Pounds Hollow Lake |
| Picnic Shelter | Hiker/Equestrian | State Highway | Natural Area |
| Campground Fee Station | Hiker Only | Road | National Forest Land |
| Potable Water | | | Non-National Forest Land |

Contour interval = 20 feet

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